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1. (C) BEGIN SUMMARY. AT REFCOUNS REQUEST, UNHCR  
CHIEF OF MISSION GERALD WALZER IS PROVIDING US WITH  
THREE-PART BRIEFING ON 1984 UNHCR PROGRAMS. FIRST  
SEGMENT DEALING WITH SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING AND  
RELIEF GOODS WAS PRESENTED FEBRUARY 8. HIGHLIGHTS  
INCLUDE (1) PLANS TO CUT BY ONE THIRD UNHCR 1984  
EXPENDITURES FOR TFA. RATHER THAN REDUCING THE  
DISTRIBUTION FIGURE BELOW 2.3 MILLION THE GOP  
PREFERRED TO CUT THE SIZE OF THE TFA RATION

(3) AGREEMENT WITH GOP ON  
SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN QUANTITY OF RELIEF GOODS TO BE  
PROVIDED REFUGEES IN 1984. OVERALL, UNHCR CHIEF OF  
MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE DOLS 62 MILLION WHICH  
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UNHCR EXPECTS TO SPEND IN PAKISTAN IN 1984 IS  
REASONABLE. WALZER ALSO COMMENTED ON REENUMERATION OF  
REFUGEES WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN BALUCHISTAN.

2. (C) RECENTLY, WHEN WE ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE  
1984 PROGRAM AGREEMENT UNHCR HAD JUST NEGOTIATED  
WITH THE GOP, AND IN WHICH THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE  
BUDGET FOR CY-84 IS OUTLINED IN DETAIL, WE WERE

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WE ASKED FOR COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS ON UNHCR'S PLANNED 1984 UNDERTAKINGS. ON FEBRUARY 8, UNHCR CHARGE WALZER PROVIDED THE FIRST OF THESE.

3. (C) REENUMERATION. BEFORE DELVING INTO SUBJECT MATTER, UNHCR CHARGE MADE A FEW INTERESTING COMMENTS ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR KUSHALGARH CAMP (SEPTTEL) AND ABOUT ON-GOING REENUMERATION EXERCISES IN BALUCHISTAN. FROM WHENCE HE HAD JUST RETURNED.

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POINTED OUT THAT THE AFGHANS'

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BIRTH RATE OF 3 PER YEAR OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS COULD HAVE BOOSTED THE PAKISTAN-WIDE REFUGEE POPULATION BY AT LEAST 150,000. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, QUESTION AS TO HOW GOP MIGHT BRING ITSELF TO PUBLISH SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED POPULATION FIGURES (AFTER MAINTAINING 700,000 REFUGEE FIGURE FOR BALUCHISTAN ALONE) IS AN INTERESTING ONE. WE AGREED.

4. (LOU) SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD. UNHCR PLANS TO CUT BY ONE-THIRD ITS 1984 EXPENDITURE FOR TEA. THE GOP'S INABILITY TO DISTRIBUTE THE COMMODITY EFFICIENTLY OVER PAST FOUR YEARS HAS CONVINCED GENEVA THAT ITEM CANNOT BE THAT MUCH IN DEMAND. GOP RESISTED PRINCIPLE OF CUTTING DISTRIBUTION FIGURE FROM 2.3 MILLION TO 1.53 MILLION RATIONS. INSTEAD, IT ACQUIESCED TO CUT OF ONE GRAM PER RATION - FROM THREE GRAMS TO TWO. WALZER WONDERED WHETHER SAME APPROACH COULD BE APPLIED TO WHEAT, I.E., NEGOTIATING ON BASIS OF OVERALL TONNAGES RATHER THAN RATION RECIPIENTS.

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6. (U) STORAGE: IN 1984, THREE 1,000 MT WAREHOUSES, WILL BE BUILT IN THE NWFP AND TWO 500 TON FACILITIES WILL BE BUILT IN BALUCHISTAN. LATTER WILL BE THE LAST OF THE BINISHHELLS TO BE ERECTED BY UNHCR. THIS YEAR'S BUDGET WILL PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ALL PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED UNHCR STORAGE UNITS.

7. (LOU) RELIEF GOODS: AFTER MUCH SPIRITED HAGGLING, UNHCR AND THE GOP FINALLY CAME TO TERMS OVER AMOUNTS OF RELIEF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED REFUGEES IN 1984. GREATLY DIMINISHED ARRIVAL FIGURES AND GREATER REFUGEE SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR THE CUTS. PLANNED REDUCTIONS ARE SUBSTANTIAL. FOR EXAMPLE: NUMBER OF BLANKETS WILL DROP FROM 600,000  
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IN 83 TO 203,000 IN CY 84; TENTS FROM MORE THAN 50,000 LAST YEAR TO LIMIT OF 25,000 THIS YEAR; SHOES FROM 600,000 PAIRS ISSUED IN 83 TO 75,000. THE SAME FOR CLOTH. REDUCTIONS REPORTEDLY MORE GRACEFULLY ACCEPTED ON PROVINCIAL LEVELS THAN IN ISLAMABAD. UNHCR HAS ASSURED GOP THAT SHOULD CONDITIONS WARRANT IT, DISTRIBUTIONS COULD AND WOULD BE EXPANDED TO MEET ALL REASONABLE NEEDS.

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B. (LOU) WALZER COMMENTED THAT USDOLS 62 MILLION UNHCR EXPECTS TO SPEND IN PAKISTAN IN 1984 IS A REASONABLE FIGURE. HE SAID THAT BUDGET SURPLUSES HAD BEEN RECOUPED FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS. HE NOTED THAT GOP UNDERSPENT UNHCR APPROPRIATIONS BY USDOLS 3.85 MILLION IN 1982 AND, IN 1983 UNHCR/PAKISTAN'S BUDGET APPROPRIATION WAS REVISED DOWNWARD FROM 74 MILLION DOLLARS TO 65 MILLION. HE ADDED THAT THESE FIGURES DO NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE DONATIONS-IN-KIND AND WORLD BANK PROJECT FUNDS. WE COMPLEMENTED UNHCR ON ITS EFFORTS TO ECONOMIZE AND SINCERELY THANKED CHIEF OF MISSION FOR TIME AND CARE TAKEN IN BRIEFING US. WE WILL REPORT DETAILS OF FUTURE BRIEFINGS AS THEY OCCUR. RATTRAY

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